

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 891

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Isaac "Ike" White,
Principal of Hamilton High School in Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize that there can be no greater influence on a child than that of a good teacher; and

WHEREAS, time spent in the classroom is an investment that will reap great dividends not only for the present, but for future generations as well; and

WHEREAS, Ike White has generously shared his skills, compassion, and enthusiasm with the many valued students of Hamilton High School as their Principal; under his tireless leadership, students are encouraged to commit themselves to excellence, academic mastery, and high expectations; and

WHEREAS, by personal example, Ike White has set a highly visible standard of citizenship for his students, earning the great respect and admiration of Hamilton High School's students, faculty, staff, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Hamilton High School community have many reasons to take pride in their school: Hamilton's Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter had two national winners in Columbus, Ohio; art teacher, Roy Shears, and three students were selected to attend the Education Braintrust sponsored by the 2004 Congressional Black Caucus; student Claytrice Henderson attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., in November 2005; Hamilton High School's curriculum provides both a college preparatory program and a careers and technical program; approximately thirty students were invited to attend the Annual Legislative Retreat and Training Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee; FCCLA members entered the Fashion Construction Revenue competition and brought home second and third place honors; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton High School boasts an enrollment of 1,370 students and promotion rates of 79.8 percent, with an average class size of twenty-six; moreover, fully 62 percent of the faculty have Master's or Doctoral degrees, with one hundred percent having attained their State Teaching Certificate and License; and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence, Hamilton High School offers an innovative and effective array of academic programs to help students excel, including Advanced Via Individual Determination (AVID), Eighth Period of Power Learning, Family Resource Center, Reading is Fundamental, Wildcat Watch, Making Advanced Plans for Success (MAPS) program, Ninth Grade Academy, and Read 180; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton High School has also partnered with corporations, including Memphis Bulk Mail Center, Piccadilly Cafeteria-Whitehaven, and New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, to offer rewards and incentives for students on the academic, attendance, and citizenship honor rolls, as well as offering summer internships, scholarships, and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Principal Ike White's message to the Hamilton High School community is one of substance: "Doing right things will foster a school culture and instructional program conducive to improved student achievement and staff professional growth."; Mr. White sees his role as principal as one in which he strives to "work through people to motivate, mediate, and modulate students to excellence."; and

WHEREAS, in his many years in education and educational administration, Ike White has, by his commitment, dedication, personal involvement, and enthusiasm for the success of each one of his students, exemplified the very best in teaching excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Isaac "Ike" White for his outstanding record as Principal of Hamilton High School, and for his many years of dedicated and selfless service to the students under his care as an educator and administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank Ike White for his commitment to the education of the youth of his community, his devotion to their best interests, and his many

contributions to his community and to this State. We offer him our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors and much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.